

Not your run of the mill appearance for Helmsley business at Chelsea Flower Show

A Helmsley business specialising in manufacturing quality products from certified British Timber has been showcasing its products at RHS Chelsea Flower Show this week (19-23 May).

With a national reputation for traditional craftsmanship, Duncombe Sawmill was approached by the FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) to provide two softwood planters for its woodland themed garden.

The garden will showcase some of the ways in which native British trees can be used in the garden. The exhibit is made up of four different themes of woodland garden - 'Edible', 'Social', 'Practical' or 'Wildlife'.

The Duncombe planters are one of the most popular designs sold by the Duncombe Sawmill, which is based on Helmsley's Sawmill Lane. It also makes gates, fencing, garden products, play equipment and even buildings. The Sawmill is FSC certified which means that the timber they sell is sustainably and legally cut down, and the majority is from woodland within Ryedale. The sawmill supplies gates and fencing to the North York Moors National Park, Forestry Commission and Environment Agency, as well as businesses and individuals.

Emma Woods, owner of Duncombe Sawmill, said: "It was a real honour to be asked to provide some planters for the FSC Chelsea Flower Show display. Sustainability is such an important message to get across to gardeners, and the gardens should help provide plenty of inspiration. They will also be encouraging people to sign WWF's forest petition, calling for the closure of legal loopholes that allow products made with illegally harvested wood, including items such as garden tools, to be sold in the UK - which is something we strongly support."

For more information on Duncombe Sawmill visit www.duncombesawmill.co.uk. For more information on Helmsley go to www.visithelmsley.co.uk or follow Helmsley on Facebook www.facebook.com/visithelmsley or @visithelmsley on Twitter.

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Notes to editors:

Helmsley in Business is a group of 51 businesses working together to ensure the continuing success of the North Yorkshire town of Helmsley. Members include: Agnus & Co; Auntie Anne's Bakery; Bay Clinic; Black Swan Hotel; Bridge Antiques; Browns of Helmsley; Castle Stores; Carters Country Wear; Celebrate Country Cake; Claridges; Crema Coffee Shop; Cut Price Bookshop; Duncombe Sawmill; Duncombe Park Gift Shop; Duncombe Park Partnership; Elijah Todd; English Heritage; Feversham Arms Hotel and Verbena Spa; Helmsley Art Centre; Helmsley Brewery; Helmsley Galleries; Helmsley Post Office; Helmsley Town Hall; Helmsley Traditional Sweet Shop; Helmsley Walled Garden; Helmsley Wines; Honeysuckle Cottage; Hunters of Helmsley; International Centre for Birds of Prey; JEB Taxis; KVA Planning; Libby Butler Jewellers; Look Gallery; Marleys Butchers; Millers Knitwear; No. 54 B&B; North York Moors National Park; Pennita Fashions; Porters Coffee Shop; Retals; Saltbox Gallery; Scotts of Helmsley Fish and Chip Shop; Spear Travels; The Beauty Room; The Feathers; The Stickman; Think Fresh; Thomas of York; Thundercliffes; Viva Hair; and Yorkshire Deals.

Helmsley is a market town in the Ryedale District of North Yorkshire, often referred to as the 'Gateway to the North York Moors'. It is popular with tourists for its characterful Market Place, historic architecture, the wide range of quality independent shops, and the excellent selection of accommodation, pubs, cafes and restaurants, many of which are award-winning. There are also plenty of interesting activities and attractions available on the doorstep including The International Centre for Birds of Prey, Helmsley Castle, Rievaulx Abbey and The Walled Gardens. Helmsley also marks the start of the Cleveland Way, which is popular with walkers and loops round the National Park to end up at the coast near Filey.

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